

Amendments

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, change the first paragraph to read as follows:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent
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This ~~application~~ patent is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

On page 4, lines 15-24 and page 5, lines 1-4, please amend the specification to read as follows:

Input shaft 14 extends into housing 12; it can be driven by a prime mover (not shown) through a pulley, such as pulley 51 shown in **FIG. [[2]] 5** or some other means. Bevel gear 36 is mounted on input shaft 14 inside gear chamber 30 and is drivingly engaged to a second bevel gear 35 mounted on first pump shaft 27. Pump shaft 27 extends from gear chamber 30 into first pump chamber 29a and is engaged to and drivingly rotates pump cylinder block 31a. Bearing 44a provides support within housing 12. Pump shaft 27 is joined to and drives shaft 28 through coupler 34, which may be of a known design using a powdered metal part with splines to interlock the two shafts 27 and 28, or a cut steel part with a broached inner diameter to form the interlock, or a similar design. Pump shaft 28 also extends from gear chamber 30 into pump chamber 29b where it engages and drivingly rotates pump cylinder block 31b in a similar

manner. As shown in, *e.g.*, **FIG. 3**, input shaft 14 is generally perpendicular to pump shafts 27 and 28 and extends out the side of housing 12 as opposed to the ends thereof, which provides the user with flexibility in the application.

On page 8, lines 19-24 and page 9, lines 1-3, please amend the specification as follows:

As shown most clearly in **FIGS. 10** and **11**, housing 92 and cover 95 include a port 102 having a first leg 102a extending into the left side of housing 92 and into end cap 96a, and a second leg 102b extending opposite thereto and through the right side of housing 92 and into second end cap 96b. Charge inlet 104 is formed in cover 95 and connects charge pump 98 to reservoir 68, as shown in the schematic shown in **FIG. 13**. In the exemplary embodiment illustrated in **FIGS. 10** and **11**, the bearing ~~[[77]]~~ 97 also serves to divide the charge inlet 104 from the port 102. End caps 96a and 96b, which are secured to housing 92 by screws 22 or other fastening means may be generally identical and thus only one will be described.